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JUSTICE ROBERT R. THOMAS TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS IN ELGIN

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Robert R. Thomas will administer the attorney's oath to 235 new lawyers on Thursday, October 31 in the Second Judicial District.

All of the candidates have passed the Illinois State Bar examination and an ethics examination; and were certified by the Committee on Character and Fitness.

The bar admission ceremony will be held 10 a.m. at Hemmens Memorial Building in the Elgin Civic Center Plaza, 150 Dexter Court, Elgin.

Justice Thomas will preside over the ceremony. James F. McCluskey, secretary of the Illinois State Bar Association, will make the welcoming remarks and present the motion to admit the class. Appellate Justice Mary S. Schostok of the 2nd Judicial District will second the motion. Chief Judge Judith M. Brawka of the 16th Judicial Circuit will also second the motion to admit the class.

Also in attendance will be members of the Second District Appellate Court, including: Presiding Justice Michael J. Burke from DuPage County; Appellate Justices Joseph E. Birkett, Ann B. Jorgensen, and Robert D. McLaren of DuPage County; Donald C. Hudson and Robert B. Spence from Kane County; Susan F. Hutchinson from McHenry County; and Kathryn E. Zenoff from Winnebago County.

A reception will follow the ceremony.

Media coverage is invited.

Illinois has approximately 94,000 attorneys licensed to practice law. This number includes the 2,138 new attorneys to be sworn in at all ceremonies in the state's five Supreme Court judicial districts on Thursday.

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The Second Judicial District is comprised of the following counties: Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, DuPage, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kendall, Lake, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago.

Ceremonies in other districts will be held in Carbondale, Chicago, Rock Island, and Springfield.

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